GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISI ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the terrorist activities carried out by the ISI and Pak supported terrorists outfits in Jammu and Kashmir and other border States during the last three years till date;

(b) the details of the efforts made by the Government to check such activities in these areas;

(c) whether the Government have taken up or propose to take up the matter with other countries;

(d) if so, the details of the success achieved in this regard;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the reasons for which the intelligence agencies and the security forces of the country have not been able to check the activities of ISI and Pak supported terrorist outfits ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Terrorist activities particularly in J&K and in various parts of the country are mostly aided, abetted and supported by Pak ISI. As reported by the State Government of J&K, total of 11084 incidents of terrorist violence have taken place in the State since 1999 to 15 February 2002. However, for other border states no data is maintained at the Central Government level.

(b) to (f): Government have adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by well coordinated intelligence based operations, setting up of out posts of Security Forces in vulnerable areas and modernization and up-gradation of police and security forces with advance sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

At diplomatic level Government has used every opportunity to apprise the international community of Pakistan`s support to and sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India. The international community widely supports India`s view that there can be no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists.

Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union land States have been working together to check the activities of ISI. As a result of coordinated action, a number of Pakistan backed modules have been neutralized.